

THE MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SECOND DAY

Thursday, 2nd March 1961

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at Thirty Minutes past Eight of the Clock.

Mr. SPEAKER (Sri S. R. KANTHI, B.A., LL.B.) in the Chair.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question No. 14

Member's Representation

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA (Gubbi).—Sir, I rise to a point of order. My point of order is that the Chief Minister has withdrawn all the portfolios of the Ministers according to the press report. So,.....

Mr. SPEAKER.—No, no. This is question hour. Let us finish the questions first.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—When the Ministers hold no portfolios, they have no business to answer the questions. That is my point. The Chief Minister appears to have withdrawn all the portfolios of the Ministers. So, the Minister has no portfolio and he is not entrusted with any job. I request the Chair to consider whether the Minister is entitled to answer the question without a portfolio on any subject matter. No doubt, they are Ministers. I do not move a privilege motion. This is a point of order.

Mr. SPEAKER.—How is the member sure that all the portfolios have been withdrawn?

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—That is what we have just read.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Do not rely on newspaper reports.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Sir, reliable sources have said it and we have come to know that they are Ministers without portfolios.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Before he raises a point of order, he must be sure whether the portfolios have actually been withdrawn and he cannot simply rely on newspaper report. Before he raises this question, he must ask the Chief Minister whether he has withdrawn the portfolios or not.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—According to reliable sources, the portfolios of the present ten Ministers have been withdrawn by the Chief Minister and he is the sole monarch know until the Extra-ordinary gazette announces the distribution of portfolios to the several Ministers.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Even taking for granted that all the portfolios have been withdrawn and held by the Chief Minister, any Minister can answer the question whether he holds that portfolio or not.

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—Sir, the Chief Minister has not withdrawn the portfolios.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The point is, any Minister can answer questions on behalf of another Minister even if the portfolios have been withdrawn. It is joint responsibility. Any Minister can answer questions.

Sri U. M. MADAPPA (Chamarajanagar).—The Revenue Minister said that no portfolios has been withdrawn. That means, there are four Ministers with portfolios.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Of course, it is granted that they are without portfolios at present but the position would be rectified soon.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—You say because they are holding joint responsibility, any Minister can answer. Is it your ruling, Sir?

Mr. SPEAKER.—There is no ruling; that is the rule. One Minister can answer on behalf of the other Minister.

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—Sir, may I make a submission? This is not the appropriate time for raising all these points. There is a method to raise such points.

Sri C. M. ARUMGHAM.—Sir, he is not the person to say this. It is left to the Speaker to say whether this is the proper time or not.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Anybody can make a submission. What prevents the Hon'ble Minister from making a submission?

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Sir Kadidal Manjappa, is a minister without portfolio.

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—I take strong objection to that Sir; I am still the Revenue Minister.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Let him enjoy. — (*laughter.*)

Sri J. B. MALLARADAYA.—Have there been any resignations in the Ministry Sir? That is my information.

Sri K. F. PATIL (Minister for Transport and Forests).—It is wishful thinking.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I do not know. He has got so many informations; What is the use of that? we are not at all concerned with these questions.